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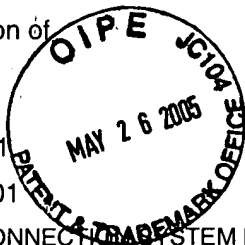
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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

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**RESPONSE**

This is in response to the Office Action, dated January 26, 2005, for which petition is hereby made for a one-month extension of time.

Claims 1-15 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harrison, U.S. Publication No. 2003/0176200, in view of Welty, U.S. Patent No. 5,109,222.

With respect to the Harrison reference, there is submitted herewith a Second Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 (signed fax copy and unsigned copy for clarity) and the accompanying exhibits at Tabs 1-4. The Second Declaration and accompanying exhibits establish the actual reduction to practice and the invention of the subject matter of Claims 1-15 as of dates that are prior to the effective date of June 13, 2001 (International filing date) of the Harrison reference. Accordingly, this reference should no longer be an obstacle to the allowance of Claims 1-15.

The disclosure of the secondary reference to Welty fails to render obvious the novel recitations in Claims 1-15. Welty discloses a so-called "intelligent house" (i.e., a house where electrically operated equipment of the type normally found in houses is wire-connected to a control logic unit) where the control logic unit is controlled by the user through a hand-held remote control device and a plurality of sensors, typically located in each room of the house, which are coupled to the hand-held control device through infrared connecting means. The system of Welty is significantly different from the network connection system for machine tools wherein the network is a wireless network and at least some of the machine tools comprise a device for connection to the wireless network through radio communication in frequency bands available for radio communications, as recited in Claims 1-15. Accordingly, Claims 1-15 should be allowable over the teachings of Welty.

The Examiner has stated at Paragraph 2. of the Office Action that the foreign priority claim filed on September 28, 2004, was not entered because it was not filed during the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.55(a)(1). It is noted that there is no foreign priority claim in the present application for the reason that the present application was filed almost 18 months after the filing date of the corresponding Italian application.

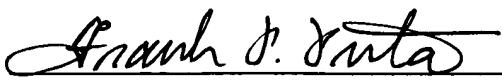
In Paragraph 3. of the Office Action, the Examiner has stated that the Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 filed with the Amendment on September 28, 2004, is ineffective to overcome the Harrison reference. This Declaration was based on the corresponding Italian Patent Application No MI2000A000322, filed on February 22, 2000. The Second Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 submitted herewith is based on the actual reduction to practice and invention of the subject matter of Claims 1-15 prior to the effective date of the Harrison reference and thus should be sufficient to overcome the Harrison reference.

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In view of the submission of the Second Declaration and the accompanying exhibits, and the remarks herein, it is submitted that all of the claims in the present application should now be allowable to Applicant, and formal allowance thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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